GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:143
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JUDGEMENT ON STING OPERATION
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent High Court judgement, the media organisations to telecast sting operations only after they have been cleared by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to incorporate this issue in the proposed broadcast bill;

(d) if so, the other points mentioned in the judgement about sting telecast; and

(e) the time by when it is likely to be incorporated and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) No Sir. However, the Hon'ble Delhi High Court has directed that the guidelines proposed by the Amicus before it should be considered by the concerned Ministry and if they find favour, they may be incorporated in the enactment/guidelines, with modifications as deemed fit and proper.

(c)&(e) No final view has been taken on the issues to be incorporated in the proposed Broadcasting Bill.

(d) The judgement dated 14.12.2007 in WP(Crl.) No.1175/2007 − Court on its own motion vs State is available on the website of the Delhi High Court, www.delhihighcourt.nic.in.